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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: PARTIALLY REINFORCING METHOD AND APPARATUS OF

METAL MATERIAL

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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application 19 pages, including three (3) independent claim and thirteen (13) claims total.
- 2. Drawings- seven (7) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-15).
- 3. Claim for Priority with certified copy of Japanese 2003-072152.
- 4. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), together with PTO Form 1449, and five (5) documents.
- 5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$	770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	13	-	20	20	x \$18		00.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$86		
							290.00
Subtotal						\$	1060.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$	1060.00

6. A check for \$1060.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$770.00 filing fee; and \$290.00 for multiple dependent claims fee.

Applicants claim the right to foreign priority based on Patent Application No. 2003-072152, filed March 17, 2003, in Japan.

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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